

INELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE: 10/30/90

FULL NAME STEPHEN J. MERKEL  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

S.S. NO. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

CITY DOLUNGS GROVE STATE IL

ZIP CODE 60515-3039

DATE OF BIRTH AUG 25, 1949 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION PROTESTANT NATIONALITY (Citizen of) U.S.

OCCUPATION ? REXNOLD COOP 2400 CURTIS DOLUNGS GROVE, IL

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 5'8" HEIGHT 190 RACE WHITE

COLOR OF HAIR BLACK COLOR OF EYES DARK

ANY DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS NONE

HOBBIES OR SPECIAL INTERESTS COMPUTERS - ASTROLOGY

MARRIED ☒ SINGLE ☐ NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

(Name, number, ages, if possible)

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

| UNIT # | CITY          | STATE | POSITION | DATE REGISTERED | DATE RESIGNED |
|--------|---------------|-------|----------|-----------------|---------------|
| 181    | WILKINSON     | IL    | S. VI.   | 1982            | 1986          |
|        | DOLUNGS GROVE | IL    | CMC.     | 5/89            | 10/90         |

Chartered Organization \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

INCIDENT: TYPE 2 DATE OF INCIDENT 6/1990 RESOLUTION PENDING - 3  
Type Resolution

- 1=Scout Related
- 2=Non-scout related
- 3=homosexual (not specifically with youth)

- 1. Internal (only Scouts Know)
- 2. Criminal action
- 3. Court action
- 4. Probationary status
- 5. Reported to state agency

**NOTED**

Check off list of attached documentation

- 1. 1991 Description of incident
- 2. Victim(s) statement
- 3. ANGHAM Media reports
- 4. Legal proceedings
- 5. Offender's statement
- 6. Official notification of termination
- 7. Found guilty/innocent by court

Council DUPAGE AREA

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

CONFIDENTIAL

NOV 3 1990

F. STARON

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May 1, 1991

Mr. Walter D. Johnson  
Scout Executive  
Dupage Area Council, No. 148

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: STEPHEN J. MERKEL

Dear Walt:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter.  
This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent  
Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

eko

cc: Peter M. Barbernitz, East Central Region

ADDED FOR FILE  
MAY 01 1991  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF007122



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CONFIDENTIAL

April 10, 1991

SCOUTING/USA

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P. O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Paul,

On October 16, 1990 I wrote to place Stephen J. Merkel's registration in suspension. In response to your letter of October 26, I am now writing to inform you of the outcome of the accusations made against Mr. Merkel.

Merkel was formally indicted on three charges of child molestation, none of which were Scout related. Monday, April 8th, as a result of plea bargaining, in lieu of trial, the DuPage County States Attorney's office dropped two of the charges and agreed to a sentence of one year probation, a \$500 fine, and specified formal counseling for Merkel in return for a guilty plea on one count of child molestation of a young girl.

Since the States Attorney was initially proceeding for a one year prison sentence and a \$1000 fine, Mr. Merkel was happy to plead guilty to the single count and the much more lenient sentence.

Mr. Merkel understands that he can never again be associated in any capacity with the BSA and has no intention of appealing his suspension of October 15, 1990.

I believe this concludes any necessary action on my part.

Sincerely,

Walter D. Johnson  
Scout Executive

WDJ/ef

P.S. I find it ironic that ten years ago Mr. Merkel, while still a Scoutmaster, demanded the resignation of one of his assistant Scoutmasters and insisted that his name be removed from the troop roster on file in the council office for telling off-color stories to Scouts in his troop.

DU PAGE AREA COUNCIL • [REDACTED]

CONF007123

October 26, 1990

Mr. Walter D. Johnson  
Scout Executive  
Dupage Area Council, No. 148

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: STEPHEN J. MERKEL

Dear Walt:

I really appreciate the material you recently sent concerning the above named individual. This enables us to start a file, and to keep registration from being accepted at this time.

I am enclosing an Ineligible Volunteer Record Sheet which I would like for you to complete, so we can identify this individual should he attempt registration in some other location. Please complete this with as much information as you have available.

We would also like to have the outcome of the legal action, once it has been completed. This will then complete our file and give us all the material necessary.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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Enclosure

cc: East Central Region

SCOUTS TO FILE  
OCT 26 1990  
ERIN ORILEY

CONF007124



SCOUTING/USA

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

October 16, 1990

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service  
National Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P. O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

148 - D 4203 # 043500

Dear Paul,

Enclosed is a letter placing Stephen J. Merkel's registration in suspension.

Mr. Merkel, a former Scoutmaster of Troop 81, Loyal Order of the Moose, Naperville, Illinois, is currently registered as a merit badge counselor.

Merkel is 41, heavy set, weighing about 190 lbs. and standing about 5'8", with black hair. A copy of his most recent application is attached.

Merkel is under indictment for sexually abusing two boys in a non-Scout related incident, and will shortly come to trial. He has admitted to another Scouter whom he asked to testify to his character that "he touched the boys in a manner which gave him sexual gratification".

Sincerely,

Walter D. Johnson  
Scout Executive

WDJ/ef

Enclosure

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Added to IV file  
10/24/90  
Cm*

DU PAGE AREA COUNCIL • NO. 148

CONF007125

October 15, 1990

Mr. Stephen J. Merkel  
[REDACTED]

Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

Dear Mr. Merkel:

After careful review we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are, therefore, compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a BSA regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Walter D. Johnson  
Scout Executive

WDJ/ef

Enclosure

bc: Paul Ernst, Director Registration & Subscription Service

CONF007126



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## ADULT APPLICATION

## UNIT SCOUTERS

Check one

- ☐ Pack No. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Troop No. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Team No. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Ship No. \_\_\_\_\_

OR

## COUNCIL/DISTRICT SCOUTERS

Council/District position

Merit Badge Counselor

District name

Illinois

Please print one letter in each space—press hard; you are making four copies.

First name and initial

Last name

STEPHEN J MERKEL

Social Security number (optional)

Address—street or R.F.D.

Additional address information (if necessary)

City

State

ZIP code

DOWNS GROVE ILL 60515-3039

Home phone

Business phone

Date of birth

Training (see cover)

Position Code (see cover)

082549

42

Month Day Year

Occupation, employer, and business address

REYNOLD CORP

DOWNS GROVE ILL 60515

Driver's license No.

State

IL

Expiration

91 Aug

New leader

Sex

Yes No

Transfer

U. S. citizen

Years at this employment

Boys' Life

Former leader

16

## 1. Scouting background

Position Council Year

R ~~SM~~ SZA N/W SURB 69 T-BB  
 S/M N/W SURB 70 70/71  
 S/m IIII T-BB 73 784  
 Experience working with youth in other organizations?

## 6. Additional Information.

- a. Do you use illegal drugs? Yes ☒ No ☐  
 b. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense? (If yes, explain below.) Yes ☒ No ☐  
 c. Have you ever been charged with child neglect or abuse? Yes ☒ No ☐  
 d. Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked? (If yes, explain below.) Yes ☒ No ☐  
 e. Other than the above, is there any fact or circumstance involving you or your background that would call into question your being entrusted with the supervision, guidance, and care of young people? (If yes, explain below.) Yes ☒ No ☐

## 3. Previous residences (for last 5 years).

City ABOVE State

## 4. Current memberships (religious, community, business, labor, or professional organizations).

CHICAGO ASTRONOMY ACC  
NRA

ABRA AREA APPLE USERS GROUP

## 5. References. Please list those who are familiar with your character as it relates to working with youth. References will be checked when necessary.

Name GEORGE MURPHY (DUPAGE AREA)

Name

Name

I understand that:

- a. The information that I have provided may be verified, if necessary, by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, or by contacting any person or organization that may have information concerning me. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability any person or organization that provides information. I also agree to hold harmless the chartered organization, local council, Boy Scouts of America, and the officers, employees, and volunteers thereof.

In signing this application, I affirm that the information I have given is true and correct.

Signature of applicant

date

## APPROVALS FOR UNIT SCOUTERS

To the best of our knowledge, this applicant meets the leadership standards of the Boy Scouts of America:

Signature of unit committee chairman

Date

Signature of chartered organization head or chartered organization representative

Date

Signature of Scout executive or designee

Date

## APPROVAL FOR COUNCIL/DISTRICT SCOUTERS

To the best of my knowledge, this applicant meets the leadership standards of the Boy Scouts of America:

Signature of Scout executive or designee

Date 5/4/99

Registration fee

Boys' Life fee

Term (months)

Unit renewal date

\$

\$

Month Year

Transfer from:

FOR COUNCIL USE

Council

Nat'l unit No.

Member ID No.

☐ If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished by paying \$1 for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

MS08

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM

MEMBER DELETE

10/24/90  
08:29:00

CNCL 148 PRG/UNIT 14203 SEQ. 043500

FIRST: STEPHEN J

LAST: MERKEL

ADDR1:

ADDR2: DOWNS GROVE

IL

ADDR3:

ADDR4:

ZIP: 60515

REG STATUS: M ENROLL: 0589 BIRTH: 0849 SEX: M AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A

POSITION: 42 FINDERCODE: 51 PHONE: [REDACTED] ROLK: MAG-STATUS:

REN DAT: 0691

TRANSFER FROM = CNCL: PGM/UNIT: SEQ: TRANSFER DATE:

MAGAZINES

---SOURCE--- PRICE SUB STRI ---COPIES--- ISSUES TO GO AREAR LAST LABEL EXP  
TYPE CNCL P/UNT CODE TRM DATE FIRST LAST ORIG TOTAL COUNT PRINTED DAT

PF2)DELETE PF12)MENU CLR)END

MEMBER DELETED FROM DATABASE SUCCESSFULLY